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Dear Senator Coleman, Representative Tong, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Alok Bhatt, Legislative Analyst for the Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission (APAAC). APAAC serves as a liaison between Connecticut's Asian Pacific American (APA) population and state policy makers. Our primary areas of concern include civil rights, education, economic development, health access, housing, and other issues impacting the APA community's quality of life.

As the sole agency charged with informing the State of issues facing the APA community in Connecticut, and in solidarity with all who experience systematic disparities, APAAC writes in strong support of CB 5437: An Act Concerning the Alvin W. Penn Racial Profiling Prohibition Act.

APAAC recommends that our Commission also be delineated as a state entity receiving reports from the Office of Policy Management (OPM) under Section 2(j) of this proposal. As APAAC monitors the civil rights of the communities we represent, receipt of such updates will be pertinent to continuing our mission.

We appreciate the Committee revisiting this highly significant issue, and look forward to collaborating with all partners in this initiative to ensure that our state and local law enforcement agents are provided the best guidance upon which to undertake their own mission.

Respectfully Submitted,

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